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	10/619,161	GRILLIOT ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jacob Lipman	2134	

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2,4-6 and 8 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-6, and 8 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Houvener, USPN 5,657,389.

With regard to claims 1 and 5, Houvener discloses a method for providing perimeter security so as to restrict entry to authorized persons (column 1 lines 5-18), wherein the method comprises steps of (a) issuing to each authorized person a token (column 8 lines 30-45) displaying or recording a unique set of electronically readable data identifying said authorized person (column 5 lines 2-7), who can present the token when seeking entry, (b) entering a photograph image of each authorized person into a database (column 8 lines 46-61), which is maintained in a portable computer (fig 2) having a display (column 5 lines 35-47, Fig. 2), (c) reading the data displayed or recorded by each token presented by a person seeking entry, via an electronic reader (column 5 lines 2-7), and sending the read data to the computer (column 5 line 61- column 6 line 4), (d) comparing the sent data to the database, via the computer (column 6 lines 4-8), and displaying the photographic image entered on the database of the person identified by the sent data, via the display (column 6 lines 38-42).

With regard to claims 2 and 6, not all credit card holders will have sufficient funds to purchase entry.

With regard to claims 4 and 8, Houvener discloses more than one terminal (column 5 lines 57-60), each of which is connected to a database (column 5 lines 35-47).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 27 March 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the read data in Houvener is sent from the terminal to a remote database, and not locally at the portable computer. The examiner points out that the claim language is broad in this sense. The claim states that the data is compared "via the portable or hand-held computer". The word via is defined as "by way of" or "by means of". Since the portable computer of Houvener sends the read data to be compared, it is compared via the portable computer. This same broadness is seen in claims 4 and 8, where applicant claims that the computer maintains a replica of the database, and does not claim that the database is stored locally on the portable computer. The word "maintain" is defined as "to keep in condition of good repair or efficiency." The portable computers of Houvener keep the database in good efficiency at least, and thus maintain it. The claims currently do not state that each portable device stores locally a replica of the database.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Fr.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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